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## EDITORIAL

On July 24, 1966, the Organization for Scientific Ufology Research, of North Royalton, Ohio merged with the American UFO Committee, Cleveland Chapter, to form the largest UFO Study group in the Northeastern Ohio area.

Karl Gawell, the chairman of the merged OSUR will take over the duties of Student Chairman and Membership Chairman.

The two groups now together will be able to accomplish much more in the field of UFOlogy.

The OSUR had good workers and now these very same workers will be side by side on the largest project in the history of UFOlogy "Grayfile".

Mr. Don Cook, Chairman of the Atlanta, Georgia branch of the American UFO Committee, and Mr. James Easely of Defiance, Ohio, our two other co-ordinates on "Grayfile". Along with our own chairman of "Grayfile" Mr. Ron Pelger and Mr. Ed Bieble.

Operation "Grayfile" originated in 1965 and since then has been sanctioned by the Congress of Scientific Ufologists.

The American UFO Committee has been receiving newspaper clippings at a rate so overwhelming that it has been necessary to put more people on the actual first phase of filing. The second phase is the recording on special sighting forms printed in New York. The third phase is putting these very same sightings onto a separate IBM sheet which will record 24 individual sightings. The IBM sheet in turn is sent to New York where in three months the Congress of Scientific Ufologists will be the first organization to really do anything constructive in the UFO field. To the extent that there will be answers for the actual sightings, Of course the first three years the answers will be about 40% of all cases, never the less, answers, that the world is waiting to hear.

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### VENUS LIFE POSSIBLE, EXPERTS BELIEVE

Washington-A group of space scientists said last night there's still a chance the planet Venus may have some form of life--despite recent conclusions to the contrary--and that space ventures should be pushed to find out.

A panel marshaled by the space science board of the National Academy of Sciences said in a report there is "the possibility that Venus has been too hastily rejected as a biological objective in earlier discussions."

This was a reference to the conclusion of space agency and some other scientists--based on the fly-by of Venus by Mariner 2

several years ago--that Venus is too hot to be an abode of life, however primitive. Radio reports from Mariner's instruments indicated a surface temperature of 800 degrees.

But the panel--in a wide-ranging report outlining its recommendations for planetary and lunar exploration for the period 1970-1985--said:

"The main objection has been to the supposedly high surface temperature, but we should note that the interpretation of the radio emission (from Mariner), is, at least, questionable. Few planetary physicists would be surprised to hear that a nonthermal (nonheat) source exists (for the data transmitted by Mariner)."

The report also said far lower temperatures than those suggested by Mariner may exist at the summits of high mountain ranges possibly present on cloud-shrouded Venus.

And it added:

"Is it not conceivable that a form of life could develop in suspension in a very dense atmosphere?"

The main thrust of the report--first in a series entitled "Space Research: Directions for the Future"--was to recommend a priority list for space ventures to be undertaken by the nation following the Apollo project to land men on the moon by 1970.

The group affirmed earlier recommendations by the space science board to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration that unmanned exploration of Mars should have first priority after Apollo--with secondary importance assigned to more detailed investigation of the lunar surface and unmanned exploration of Venus.

The report went further, however, by adding to the priority list in this order: Other major planets, such as Jupiter and Saturn; comets and asteroids, the latter being the host of tiny planets orbiting between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter; the minor planets Mercury and far-away Pluto and finally, interplanetary dust.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, Jan.16,66.

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#### A CRITIQUE ON THE "BIG BANG" THEORY

The physical law that all matter must be in motion is part of the theory of relativity. In other words, two or more bodies are related to each other as to their relative motion. This law holds true whether we are examining atoms, planets, or stars. At least, the relativity theory has held together in most of its applications. Since we have recently acknowledged the hypothesis that all matter consists of vibrations, we further the concept that absolute motion, or a body at rest, is a physical impossibility.

Now let us examine the current "Big Bang" theory by which many scientists explain the universe as starting from the explosion of one gigantic primordial atom, the size of the earth's orbit. This theory doesn't suggest how a mass this size could exist without motion. If motion is considered, then it would have to be in orbit or revolve. This presupposes a magnetic or gravitational force. Nor does this theory explain what triggered the explosion of such a large mass.

Scientific concepts are necessarily predicated on the narrowminded physical manifestations of matter reacting on our five senses. The occult, the metaphysical, and the unseen forces play no part in scientific facts. We are gradually admitting that matter is a materialization of the mind. This concept admits of a super, ubiquitous power identified in our elemental thinking as God. Would it not be more logical to consider this mind force as "The Universe" and materialization being the result of this mind force applied to our physical cosmos materializing the stars and planets? Although the quotation: "God made heaven and earth in six days" has been interpreted in many ways, it still suggests that a mind force could have created this world we live on. After, all it is a mere grain of sand in the countless expanse of space.

Even when we negate the concept of a God, we still tend to accept the principal of a primordial atom held together by a concentrated force. But, without the concept of a God, the origin or birth of the primordial mass is not explained. Neither the "Big Bang" nor the steady state theory completely explains the birth of the universe. How, then, can we leave out the concept of a God? The materialistic viewpoints of scientists, I think, will be forced to submit to a more deeply spiritual concept, i.e., one which admits both mental and physical forces. We have to give credence to unseen forces around us to help explain some of our conceited viewpoints regarding our living space.  
By Lawrence Blazey

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#### INSIDE PROJECT "GRAYFILE"

August 1st to August 7th 1965--"SAUCER WEEK"

During 1965, the biggest flap of saucer activity would undoubtedly have to be the week of August first to the seventh. This factual figure comes directly from "Project Grayfile" itself. There are 142 pages filed on sightings of mysterious objects during these seven days and nights.

Mysterious, multi-colored objects were reported in the skies over Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Colorado.

Scores of reports about the objects flooded police and newspaper telephone switchboards. Those who saw the lights included many law-enforcement officers.

"UFO's REPORTED OVER COLORADO, WYOMING"---"MYSTERY OBJECTS SPOTTED" ---"FLYING OBJECTS REPORTED SEEN IN FOUR STATES"---"UFO DELUGE HITS MIDWEST"---"MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS DOT AREA SKIES"---"MORE LIGHTS NOTED IN SKY"---"HUNDREDS SEE OBJECTS CROSS WESTERN SKIES"---"LIGHTS IN SKY SEEN FOURTH NIGHT"---"MORE FLYING OBJECTS REPORTED OVER AREA"---"SKY LIGHTS REPORTED AGAIN, FOR SIXTH NIGHT"---"THOUSANDS WATCH LIGHTS CROSS WESTERN SKIES"---These are only a few of the article headlines from an exciting week of disturbances from Western states.

What were these mysterious lights seen by thousands of people, who were not only amazed, but also frantic?

Some witnesses gave various descriptions, such as-----  
 "It was completely white. It looked like a slinter with the sun shining on it." "There were red pulsating lights coming from it."-----"Several Lights forming a diamond shape formation."

A police officer of Caldwell, Colorado, said he and two other persons sighted one of the objects east of Caldwell Airport. The officer said, "We stood on top of the car. You could see (the object) with the naked eye. It looked like it was on the ground or hovering just above the ground. It was red, greenish-blue and yellowish-white.....about 100 yards long ..... egg-shaped."

White lights, blue lights, bright objects, either hovering or zipping across the skies, sometimes together in formation were witnessed.

On the sixth night of activity, this report came out of Denver, which is one of the many interesting sightings of the week of August seventh.

Mrs. Louise Secary, a visitor from Lodi, California and Mrs. Lauretta Holt were driving to a neighborhood shopping center about 6:30p.m.

They said four flying objects appeared low on the horizon south of Denver. "They were kind of like saucers with a V-shape and a flashing white-silverish color," Mrs. Secary said, "At first I didn't believe it."

"I didn't believe it even though I were looking at it, until a weird sound, like a siren or a whine came from them."

Mrs. Holt described the objects as chevron-shaped lights.





"They were elongated: the tips were almost flat; they made a shrill whine, from a low to a high pitch."

Mrs. Holt said she heard five or six changes in pitch of the whining sound, that came from the objects.

Whenever or wherever there is a "big" UFO occurrence, the U.S. Air Force usually tends to amble into the case so as to give the bewildered public some kind of "calming down answer".

The latest from the Air Force is that those who saw the "UFO's" were seeing stars. The initial study of reports indicate, according to the U.S.A.F., that the "Observations were astronomical in nature."

What were these active occurrences during "saucer week"? About all we can conclude to date is that "something is up there." By Ronald Jos. Felger

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#### WHO SAID THAT

A very interesting article appeared in the August issue of Science Digest entitled, "The Search for Extraterrestrial Life".

Dr. Bernard M. Oliver of Hewlett-Packard, Palo Alto, California stated, "There may be on the order of a million highly developed civilizations. That man will not attempt to contact the nearest of these--if only to answer the questions of the actual density of life in the universe and its evolutionary diversity or convergence is to me unthinkable. The only questions are when and how."

Dr. Max Lerner questions, "not whether there is intelligent life in space but: Is there intelligent life down here on earth?"

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In looking through some old magazines I found an article in the Radio-TV Experimenter, June-July 1965 called, "The Riddle of the Red Planet." In this article, Dr. Stephen H. Dole of the Rand Corporation doubts that human life can exist on Mars, "due to Mars being too small to produce or retain an atmosphere suitable for human beings."

He does believe though, that there are 600,000,000 habitable planets in outer space, and that, "the universe may be inhabited by varieties of men who are not only of separate species but whose criteria of habitability on planets may not be the same," as ours.

Since I am not aware of what type of material would be universally accepted in this column as an interesting subject matter--would any of the readers please forward their requests for subjects to the paper and if they wish, send any interesting articles for publication to the writer.

A lot of information of a multitude of subjects is on hand but it may not be all that the readers desire---please send me your requests.

By Elmer Schutt, Chairman of American UFO Committee, Cleveland

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### COULD THOSE UFOS REALLY BE INSECTS?

Are some of those Unidentified Flying Objects recently sighted over parts of the United States merely flying ants or other insects with a "glow" on?

Norton T. Novitt, an amateur Denver scientist whose hobby is the study of the electric properties of insects, thinks it's highly possible. Not necessarily insects with a built-in glow, such as fireflies, but insects which have somehow attracted an electric charge so great that they give off lights.

In 20 years of UFO sighting reports other scientists have said the shiny-bodied insects might be mistaken during daylight for flying saucers.

But the glowing insect theory is original with Novitt, a scientific illustrator with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver. And he believes it may account for a small part of the 7 per cent of UFOs which the Air Force admits it cannot explain.

It all started with Novitt three summers ago when he was a member of a Denver moonwatch team, one of the groups of volunteers around the country who help the National Aeronautics and Space Administration keep track of some of the large artificial satellites.

Novitt had set up a telescope in a vacant lot to see if he could spot a satellite during daylight. He picked up a bright object traveling too fast to be a satellite. It soon was joined by a second object. Fascinated, he watched the two objects descend until they nearly reached the ground. Taking his eye from the telescope he was startled to find that the apparent landing site was in front of a garage a short distance away. He hurried to the spot and found two winged ants.

He surmised the bright light he had observed was sunlight glinting from their iridescent bodies.

Research produced the fact that at certain times of the year male and female ants sprout wings to take part in an air-



borne mating ritual. The winged ants gradually group together into giant swarms, some estimated to contain as many as 37 million, to set up new ant colonies.

He wondered what these giant swarms would look like at night if they could glow. Perhaps ants could pick up enough static electricity to make them give off light.

To find out he glued 24 ants around the outside of a plastic ball. A static electric generator was connected to the ball with a thin wire. The ball was suspended from the ceiling of his home laboratory with threads.

Sure enough, when he cranked the generator the entire ball seemed to glow with a dim blue light. The bodies of the ants were discernible as brighter specks of light as the electricity drained off them into space.

"It's simply an emission of electric corona light," he explained.

The ball hovered, moved erratically as pulses of static electricity drained off with differing intensities from the ants. It also gave off a crackling sound. Novitt said a swarm of several million ants would emit a very loud, humming or buzzing noise.

"No new scientific principles are involved," he said. "It is rather an application of a natural combination of the principles of three sciences---Meteorology, atmospheric electricity; physics, electrostatics of assembled small airborne objects; and entomology, gathering of insects."

He said the same is true of gossamer, the networks of cobwebs that float in the air during spider migration seasons.

The Denver experimenter believes there are at least four ways in which ants apparently can pick up a glow:

Individual ants become charged on the ground and then join a swarm, creating a mass of many different electrical charges.

Ants fly up through successively more highly charged layers of air.

Ants create their own static electricity by rubbing together in flight, much like a person does when he shuffles across a rug.

Ants often swarm right after a thunderstorm which has left the air saturated with a different kind of charge than there was just before the storm.

"The theory," he said, "logically explains many of the characteristics of the UFO phenomena such as materialization and disappearance, hovering and departure, glowing and pulsating lights of various colors, apparent high velocity rotation of the objects,

varieties of shapes and sizes, humming noises, pitting of ground surfaces, scorching of vegetation, residues of chemical substances, seasonal appearance in late summer and Indian summer, and lack of communication with the airborne objects." Mount Vernon News, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1966

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#### UFO PROBE NEVER GETS OFF GROUND

That was no unidentified flying saucer---that was a bureaucratic ploy in the face that House Republican Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford got today in reply to his demand that Congress investigate the Air Force's treatment of UFOs.

And the White House baked up a bit of the crust.

The Michigan Congressman was rebuffed by the House Science and Astronautics Committee whose chairman, Rep. George P. Miller (D.-Cal.) told him the committee has no jurisdiction over the Air Force.

"But it has over flying objects," Rep. Ford replied.

He had also asked chairman L. Mendel Rivers (D.-S.C.) of the House Armed Services Committee, to conduct the hearings.

"Rep. Rivers said he had to discuss it first with a fellow committeeman who wanted a probe five years ago," said Mr. Ford's aide. "That probe never got off the ground."

One of the items to be discussed by Rep. Rivers and the unidentified committeeman is why the investigation was called off.

Mr. Ford said he would not give up his fight. It was in the Congressman's home state, beginning March 16, that the recent UFO sightings began. They have not let up since---in Michigan and elsewhere across the country.

The Air Force, through its Project Bluebook section, has investigated over 10,000 reported UFO sightings since 1947. It has explained---to its own official satisfaction, say critics---all but 646.

AF Directive 200-2 prohibits disclosing UFO information unless "it has been positively identified as a familiar or known object."

A Joint Chiefs of Staff directive---JANAP 146---threatens prosecution under the Espionage Act to military personnel, commercial pilots and merchant seamen who discuss any sightings in public.

Because recent sightings have intensified the controversy, this reporter presented four questions to the White House.

The Questions:

\* Has the White House issued orders concerning UFOs or Project Bluebook?

\* Has information been ordered held back "in the public interest" or for security reasons?

\* Does Project Bluebook send reports to the White House?

\* Would the White House object to a Congressional investigation?

The answer from the White House was:

Talk to the Air Force.

A White House aide indicated that such questions, even those pertinent to the White House itself, should be asked of "the Air Force public relations people."

Meanwhile in Washington, two people with authority to talk about flying saucer's did yesterday---and insisted there aren't any---either ours or somebody else's.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara so told Congressmen and Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that not only did he agree, but so did the service chiefs.

Their statements were reported by members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee after Mr. McNamara and Gen. Wheeler testified in support of President Johnson's \$3.5 billion foreign aid bill.

Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher (D.-N.J.), was reported to have brought up the recent reports of saucer sightings. He asked Mr. McNamara if he could "categorically deny" the possibility that Unidentified Flying Objects reported seen in Michigan and elsewhere had extra-terrestrial implications.

The defense chief said there was no evidence to support the theory they might be controlled vehicles from outer space or anywhere else.

Rep. Gallagher asked if perhaps the United States itself had some secret device in the air, and if some of the sightings could have resulted from this.

According to committee sources, Mr. McNamara said no. And Gen. Wheeler, pressed for his view, said he and other service chiefs concurred in all the boss said.

Despite Mr. McNamara's disclaimers, Rep. James G. Fulton, (R.-Pa.), called the Air Force's UFO investigation "like the kid who says he doesn't believe in ghosts and pulls the covers over his head but still keeps an eye open."

New York Journal-American, March 31, 1966

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NOW WE WONDER WHAT YOU ARE

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WHAT MAKES YOU MOVE, AND CHANGE YOUR LIGHT?

## EARTH PEOPLE MUST RANK LOW IN INTELLIGENCE

I have been browsing through the new revised edition of Walter Sullivan's book, "We Are Not Alone," in which the science editor of the New York Times examines "the search for intelligent life on other worlds."

At the same time, I heard another man on a television interview discuss the "flying saucers" that have been reported around the country for many years. He, too, is writing a book to document these cases.

Most speculation and sciencefiction on the subject is based on the theory that highly intelligent creatures, living in distant space, are either trying to communicate with us, or are actually investigating life on earth, with a view toward attacking or conquering us.

I cannot believe this. If there are creatures intelligent enough to spy on us through vast galactic distances, then they must also be intelligent enough to let us alone after they learn what we are like.

For the human race on earth, it seems plain to me, must rank quite low in the order of conscious intelligence. For we seem to have just enough brains to make trouble for ourselves, and not enough to learn how to live together amicably. Just enough brains to create a huge technology that could turn the earth into an Eden, and not enough to prevent us from using this technology to blow ourselves up.

Creatures from another planet, if they have observed us for any length of time, are most likely to be perplexed and disgusted with our irrational behavior than tempted to conquer us. What could they get from us but grief? They may study us, but only as we study bacteria.

Civilization after civilization has toppled in the ten thousand years of history. Wars between people have become more ferocious and fatal as the art of weaponry has developed; and the future holds grim promise of chemical and bacteriological warfare even more sinister than the threat of the hydrogen bomb.

We have made tremendous advances in living conditions--- but they have been more than matched by our ominous advances in dying conditions. Prejudice and passion, hate and rivalry, are more intense today than in the pastoral environment of Biblical times. People may be no worse, but we have increased by a millionfold our capacity to do worse.

Any truly intelligent being from another galaxy would not touch us with a ten light-year pole. We are quite capable of attaching and destroying ourselves without their help. And not because we are "bad" in any grand and classic sense of the word--- but because we are weak and petty and more concerned with our immediate advantages (delusive as they are) than with pledging our allegiance to the survival of the human race.  
Mass. Daily Times, March 28, 1966

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PROBER KEEPS MUM ON ERIE UFO REPORT

Reports of a "flying saucer" and a "creature from outer space" in this area were still up in the air today---compliments of Maj. William S. Hall of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Major Hall investigated the reports but would say only that "all findings resulting from the search must be released by the secretary of the Air Force."

Several persons in a disabled auto on Presque Isle Peninsula sighted the object Sunday.

Betty Jean Klem, 16, of Jamestown, N. Y., said it was "metallic, sort of silvery," and that "it landed between two trees."

Miss Klem remained in the auto with another passenger, Mrs. Anita Haisley, 22, also of Jamestown, and her two children while Douglas Tibbetts, 18, of Greenhurst, N. Y., notified police and joined in the search for the craft.

Suddenly, a "formless" creature appeared from the bushes within five feet of the car, Miss Klem said.

She said it was six feet tall and had a head and shoulders but she saw no legs.

She began blowing the car horn and police, who rushed back, said they found her near shock.

She later told police the flying craft "sounded like the noise in a telephone receiver, only louder, of course."

Police Chief Dan Dasconio, who interviewed the girl, said she appeared to be "a pretty sensible young woman."

"I'm convinced these young people saw something," he added.

Only the day before, a Lawrence County man at the fair grounds near New Castle reported he sighted a UFO and photographed it.

Pittsburgh, Press, August 3, 1966



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